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- 1. MOFA WEST AFRICA DIVISION CHIEF YI CHONG-SU
  TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 28 THAT ROK AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO
  SIERRA LEONE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN IN FREETOWN
  IN HOPE OF BEING ABLE TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS AT LATER
  TIME. YI SAID ROKG UNDERSTANDS THAT ITS EMBASSY CAN
  FUNCTION EVEN THOUGH AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS NOT
  RECEIVED. HE ADDED THAT DECISION TO MAKE MOST OF SITUATION
  WAS INFLUENCED BY AMBASSADOR LEE'S REPORT OF HIS
  ENCOURAGING CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR SAMUELS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO FBIS, NORTH KOREAN RADIO HAS REPORTED THAT SIERRA LEONE AFFIRMED ITS POLICY OF SUPPORTING ONE KOREA BY DECISION NOT TO ALLOW A "SOUTH KOREAN PUPPET EMBASSY" TO BE OPENED IN FREETOWN. PYONGYANG RADIO COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT STEVENS HAD DECLARED IN PEOPLE'S CONGRESS PARTY MEETING THAT IF SIERRA LEONE ALLOWED THE OPENING OF A SOUTH KOREAN MISSION IT WOULD MEAN RECOGNIZING TWO KOREAS, WHICH IS CONTRADICTORY TO THE POLICY OF SIERRA LEONE. COMMENT: ROK CONFIDENTIAL

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HAS HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SIERRA LEONE FOR SEVERAL

YEARS, AS REF A NOTES. ERICSON		
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